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THE API CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

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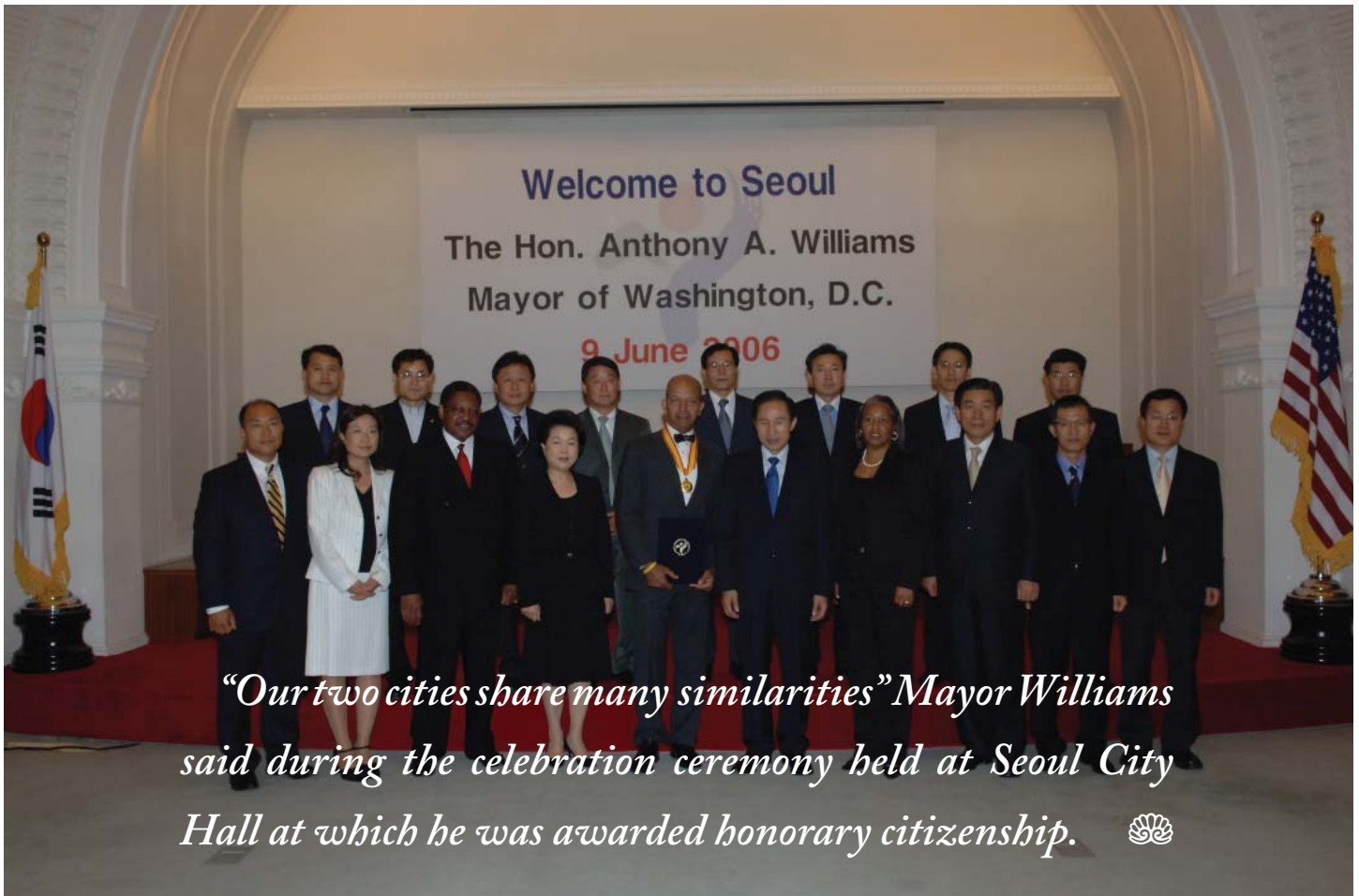
May Heritage Celebration

ImmigrASIAN Fair



The ImmigrASIAN Fair in May organized by the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) achieved a successful turn out, with more than 250 Asian residents from the District that came to participate and take advantage of the free information and health screenings. Through partners from various health organization groups such as AMERIGROUP, Lions Club, and Unity Healthcare System, free screenings on diabetes, blood pressure, vision (and glaucoma), hearing, dental, asthma, allergy and others. In addition, the fair also provided free consulting services on legal and immigration issues through the APA Legal Resource Center, Catholic Charities and Customs & Immigration Service. OAPIA utilized this event to reach out to the API community and provide them the vital information and service by making sure that language interpreters were available to assist them.

Mayor Williams Going to Seoul, Korea



According to an ancient Chinese proverb, a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. On March 13, Seoul and Washington, D.C., took the first major step in establishing closer relations as Seoul Mayor Myung Pak Lee visited the nation's capital to sign the sister city agreement with the District. On **June 9**, Mayor Williams returned the favor by visiting Seoul at Mayor Lee's invitation, cementing ties as the 10th city to sign a sister city agreement with the District. Both as international cities, Washington, DC and Seoul have been transformed into leading cities after going through tough times.

While in Seoul, Mayor Williams had an opportunity to tour the Chong-Gye River Project, a major undertaking for Mayor Lee in the face of opposition and barriers. The Chong-Gye River project is a river restoration project which re-opened the pavement covering the 5.84 km long river to restore the river and its surrounding area to rebuild an environmentally friendly and safe area for locals. Mayor Williams believed that DC may learn from this project to restore and redevelop the Anacostia Riv-

er. The overview of the project will soon be televised on Channel 16 in the District.

During this trip, Mayor Williams met with business leaders through Federation of Korean Industries, as well as with Cultural and Artistic Association of Korea to initiate conversation to continue exchange between both cities. Mayor Williams and the delegation also visited the heavily guarded DMZ (DeMilitarized Zone) separating North and South Korea.

Mayor Williams, along with OAPIA's Deputy Director Soohyun Koo and five representatives from D.C.-Seoul Sister City Relationship Steering Committee, spent two full days in Seoul, Korea.

American Community Survey 2004

Summary on Asian Population

The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) believes data collection on the Asian and Pacific Islander community is an important tool to advocate for the growing needs of this community. Currently, OAPIA is working with District agencies in planning for community needs assessment for APIs in the District. In the meanwhile, OAPIA continues to use U.S. Census data to provide profiles and information on the state of Asians in the District.

Before 2000, the Census was collected every 10 years and often data would become quickly outdated as communities were ever changing. To combat these shifts in population the U.S. Census designed a new survey tool, the American Community Survey (ACS) to provide updated information on ever changing communities. Unfortunately, the data captured is detailed to populations above a threshold of 250,000 and thus the Asian community in the District is often not included in reports. However, there is some information available and national information on the Asian community is readily available from 2000 – 2004, disaggregated by year.

In 2004, the Asian population in the District was about 17,000 or 3.3% of the District's population compared to 4.7% of the U.S. population.[1] Within the Asian population, Asian Indians comprised 27.8 % of the population, followed by Chinese at 18.5%, Filipino at 13.6% and Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese rounding out the top Asian ethnic groups. This same trend followed the national ethnic breakdown of the top Asian groups. Since 2000, the Asian population in the District and US continued to grow till 2004. In 2004, in the District, there was a slight drop off in the total population representing approximately a nine percent decrease from 2003 to 2004. In 2004, 16.2% of the District's population spoke English less than "very well" or were Limited English Proficient (LEP). Approximately 2% spoke an Asian

and Pacific Islander language at home. Additionally, almost 19% of the foreign-born population comprised of individuals born in Asia. Unfortunately, because of the Asian population's size additional social and economic characteristics were not reported by the Census Bureau for the District however there is ample data available on the national level.

Nationally, the Asian population passed 13 million with a majority falling in the ages of 25 to 54. The percentage of high school graduates in the Asian community near equaled that of the entire population, but exceeded the national rate with regards to a bachelor's degree. Nearly 34% of Asians, who spoke a language other than English, spoke English less than very well compared to 8% of the entire population. The per capita income of Asians was \$24,626 compared to \$24,020 for the total population. In 2004, the poverty rate for Asians was 9.4% compared to about 10% in the total population. Asians had a higher median gross rent, nearly \$150 more than the total population's median gross rent.

The Census is a valuable tool that can be used in a variety of ways. The Asian populations' diverse groups make it difficult to use the Census as the gold standard because it is unable to capture information from the smaller communities. Nonetheless it is a starting point to learn about the state of Asians and learn about their issues and needs. As more data becomes available, OAPIA will continue to update the community and advocate for more data on the Asian population so an accurate and fair picture can be portrayed. For more information on the American Community Survey, please visit www.census.gov.

[1] Asian alone or in combination with one or more races.



Funding Alerts eNewsletter, Summer Edition (June-July)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is pleased to announce that in fiscal year 2007, the office will be receiving a one-time, first-time budget enhancement of \$250,000 to be awarded competitively as a community grant to community-based organizations. This grant is included in the Mayor's FY07 budget submission to the Congress. The grant will be available to eligible community-based organizations serving the District's Asian and Pacific Islander residents in underserved areas of health, education, employment, and legal assistance. In anticipation of the availability of the funds OAPIA is in the process of securing a grant management consultant to provide technical assistance in grant start-up and management.

OAPIA expects to formally release a Notice of Funding Availability in the coming month and a Request for Application sometime thereafter. More details of the grant opportunity will be forthcoming.

SAVE THE DATE

2006 Public-Private Partnership Conference. The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD), in partnership with Citibank, the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, and the Alliance for Nonprofit Management, will host its 8th Annual Public-Private Partnership conference on October 30, 2006. The all-day conference will be held at George Washington University. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

DEADLINE EXTENDED for Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) Applications. The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) has extended the deadline date to accept applications for the 2006-2007 SPI Class to July 21, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. SPI is a free training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desires professional and organizational growth; and has the time and commitment to complete the 12 month program and related requirements. Applications are available at www.opgd.dc.gov. They may also be e-mailed, faxed, or picked-up from OPGD, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1130 North, Washington, DC. For additional information or to obtain the application, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

District Opportunities

Adult and Family Literacy Services Grant. University of the District of Columbia (UDC)/State Education Agency (SEA) announces funds to provide educational opportunities to adults (age 16 and older) that will improve their literacy skills and enable them to function more effectively as citizens, parents, and workers. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is September 5, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. Approximately 15 awards, ranging from \$75,000-\$100,000, are available. The Request for Applications (RFA) will be released July 21, 2006, and may be obtained from UDC/SEA, 4340 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Room 302, Washington, DC 20008. Applicants are encouraged to attend a pre-application conference. The time, date, and location will be included in the RFA. For further information, contact Keith Watson at kwatson@kairosmtg.com; or go to: <http://www.opgd.dc.gov>. GrantID: GD1391

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Department of Human Services, Counseling and Case Management Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, July 20, 2006, at 4:45 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant, July 20, 2006, at 4:45 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Family Violence Prevention and Services Public Information and Education Grant, July 20, 2006, at 4:45 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Information, Education, and Outreach for Under-Served Victims of Domestic Violence, July 20, 2006, at 4:45 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Unified Communications Center (UCC) Child Development Center (CDC), July 21, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Mini-Grant Management Program, July 26, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Department of Human Services, Replication of the Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP) Model, July 26, 2006, at 3:30 p.m.

Office on Latino Affairs, Latino Community Education Grant, August 25, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

Office of the Secretary, Escheated Estates Fund, September 29, and December 28, 2006.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Community Giving. Nike announces funds to support organizations to increase the participation of young people in physical activity, with a focus on the lifelong benefits it brings and/or to address the challenges of globalization, with a particular emphasis on women and girls. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. There is no deadline date for applications. For further information, go to: <http://www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=giving>. GrantID: GD1389

Community Grants. Balance Bar announces funds to enable communities and organizations to pursue physical activities that enrich their lives. The grant must be dedicated to a project that will provide organization members, as well as community residents, with opportunities to lead healthy, active lifestyles. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is August 30, 2006. Awards range from \$1,000-\$25,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.balance.com/grants/default.aspx>. GrantID: GD1386

John Chandler Baldwin Community Grants Program. Ober|Kaler aids organizations that address children and youth education and welfare issues primarily in Baltimore City and Washington, DC. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is August 4, 2006. Awards of up to \$15,000 are available. For further information, contact Ober|Kaler at oberkalergrants@ober.com; or go to: <http://www.ober.com/grants/guidelines.html>. GrantID: GD1390

Neighborhood Answers Grant Program. Radio Shack announces funds to support and promote answers that bring community impact through programs or projects conducted by local organizations. The program focuses on two areas: prevention of family violence/abuse; and/or child abduction. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2006. Awards of up to \$500 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.radioshackcorporation.com/cc/contributions.html>. GrantID: GD1387

Student Achievement Grants. The NEA Foundation announces funds to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, public school teachers in grades PreK-12, public school education support professionals, and/or faculty or staff at public higher education institutions.

The deadline for applications is October 16, 2006. For further information, go to: http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement_Guidelines.htm. GrantID: GD1393

Support for Low-Income and Disadvantaged in DC. The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Civic Program supports charities in its host city, Washington, DC, and in low-income countries, through monetary grants and in-kind donations. Support is given to programs designed to enable persons to emerge permanently from very low-income, socially dependent, and other detrimental and dysfunctional situations. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2006. For further information, write to the IMF's Civic & Community Relations coordinator at communityrelations@imf.org or send a fax to (202) 589-7085; or go to: <http://www.internationalmonetaryfund.com/external/np/cpac/donate.htm>. GD1394

Resources & Announcements

Award for Nonprofit Innovation. The Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management at Claremont Graduate University is accepting applications for the Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation. The Award recognizes an innovative, existing program that has made a difference in the lives of the people it serves. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is August 15, 2006. The Award is accompanied by a first place prize of \$25,000 and two runners up prizes of \$5,000 and \$2,500. The cash prizes are unrestricted and designed to celebrate and further the work of innovative nonprofit organizations in the U.S. For further information, go to: <http://www.cgu.edu/pages/2417.asp>.

Free Grant Writing Training. Department of Housing and Urban Development will host a two-day training session on topics such as: Grant Proposal Writing Techniques; How to Access Government Funds; HUD Programs Available for Nonprofits; HUD Common Factors for Awards; Performance Measurements; Working with Local Governments; Organizational Development; Coalition and Capacity Building; Legal Do's and Don'ts; and the Ten Commandments of Grantwriting. These training sessions will take place July 26-27, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Clifton Park Baptist Church, 8818 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20909. For further information and to register, contact Lillian Curley at (202) 275-9200 x 3303; or go to:

<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=dc>.

Sustainable Funding for Your Mission. Raising More Money will host an introductory session to its Raising More Money Model. Participants will learn: how to identify and introduce ideal donors to their organizations; how to personally cultivate people to become lifelong donors; how to leave a legacy of mission-centered individual giving; and more. The session will take place on August 23, 2006, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., at Global Rights,

1200 18th Street, NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20036.
For further information, contact Karin Power at (206)
709-9400 x 104 or karin.power@raisingmoremoney.com;
or go to: <http://sforce.raisingmoremoney.com/intros/midatlantic.htm>.

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